

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As an undersigned inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and country of citizenship are as stated directly below my name.

I believe (check one) [ ] I am the original, first and sole inventor  
[ X ] I am a joint inventor and the below named inventors are the  
original and first inventors

of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

### **MASSIVELY DISTRIBUTED DATABASE SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED METHOD**

the specification of which

(check one) [X ] is attached hereto.  
[ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(if applicable)

I further declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter "the Office") all information known to me to be material to patentability of the subject matter which is claimed as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate indicated below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Prior Foreign Application(s)</u>	<u>Priority</u>		
<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Day/Month/Year Filed</u>	<u>Claimed</u>
None			Yes      No

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application listed below:

<u>Provisional Application Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
None	

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>Application Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Status (patented, pending, abandoned)</u>
09/538,543	March 30, 2000	Pending
09/539,448	March 30, 2000	Pending
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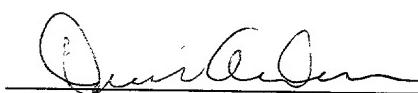
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Inventor's Signature



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Date

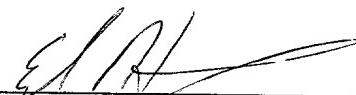
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Date

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: DAVID P. ANDERSON ET AL.

Filed: HEREWITH

For: MASSIVELY DISTRIBUTED DATABASE SYSTEM AND  
ASSOCIATED METHOD

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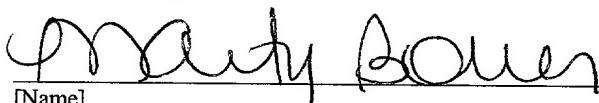
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I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service "EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" service, postage prepaid, under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated below and is addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, DC 20231:

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b),  
ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §3.71, and  
POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Sir:

This document provides a Statement under §3.73 by the Assignee, an Election by the Assignee under §3.71 to prosecute at the exclusion of the inventor(s), and a Power of Attorney from the Assignee.

**Statement Under §3.73(b)**

The undersigned states that it is the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the Patent application identified above by virtue of either:

A.  An Assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel \_\_\_\_\_, Frame \_\_\_\_\_, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached.

[NOTE: A separate copy (*i.e.*, the original assignment document or a true copy of the original document) must be submitted to Assignment Division in accordance with 37 CFR Part 3, if the assignment is to be recorded in the records of the USPTO. See MPEP 302.08]

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

Election under §3.71

The Assignee hereby elects under 37 C.F.R. §3.71 to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventor(s).

Power of Attorney

The Assignee revokes any previous Powers of Attorney and appoints Robert M. O'Keefe, Reg. No. 35,630; Richard D. Egan, Reg. No. 36,788; Brian W. Peterman, Reg. No. 37,908, William W. Enders, Reg. No. 41,735, and Maximilian R. Peterson, Reg. No. 46,469, each an attorney of the firm of O'KEEFE, EGAN & PETERMAN, LLP, as its attorney for so long as they remain with such firm, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute the application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, and to receive any Letters Patent, and for one year after issuance of such Letters Patent to file any request for a certificate of correction that may be deemed appropriate.

Future Communications

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By:   
(Signature)

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(Please print)

Date: 3/30/01

Title: CEO  
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VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c)) – SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

DOCKET NO.  
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Applicant or Patentee: UNITED DEVICES, INC.

Application No.: UNKNOWN

Title: MASSIVELY DISTRIBUTED DATABASE SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED METHOD

I hereby declare that I am:

- the owner of the small business concern identified below:  
 an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN: UNITED DEVICES, INC.  
ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN: 12675 Research Blvd.  
Building A  
Austin, TX 78759

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in:

- the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.  
 the application identified above.  
 the patent identified above.

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive , each individual , concern or organization having rights in the invention must file separate verified statements averring to their status as small entities, and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CRF 1.9(c) if that person made the

invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization having any rights in the invention is listed below:

- no such person, concern or organization exists.  
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Separate verified statement is required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

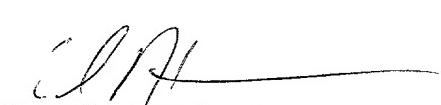
I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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